

Plan Summary



Above: Neighbors work on drafting the plan during a community meeting.

Introduction

The United Southwest Communities Plan includes a community history and then five main elements: Community Development, the Land Use Plan, Transportation and Infrastructure, Community Facilities and Quality of Life and Taking Action. The following text provides a summary of plan goals and objectives for each of the five main elements.

"By far the greatest and most admirable form of wisdom is that needed to plan and beautify cities and human communities."

- Socrates

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A new business on Old Pearsall Road

Community Development

Goal 1 - Economic Development

Attract new businesses, services and retail establishments to the United Southwest Communities.

Objective 1.1: Commercial Development

Implement strategies to attract commercial development.

Goal 2 - Housing

Encourage the development of new housing that is compatible with the community.

Objective 2.1: Develop New Housing

Encourage single family development.

Objective 2.2: Senior Housing Opportunities

Provide housing opportunities for the aging.

Objective 2.3: Military Base Compatibility

Provide for new development opportunities while protecting the missions of Lackland Air Force Base and operations at Kelly Field.



Neighbors meet to work on the Plan

Land Use Plan

The land use plan identifies the preferred land development pattern for the United Southwest Communities both graphically with a future land use map and textually with descriptions of the areas identified on the map.

Transportation & Infrastructure

Goal 3 - Improve the Infrastructure

Improve streets, drainage and circulation in the community.

Objective 3.1: Improve Major Thoroughfares

Expand major thoroughfares in the area to accommodate the increasing traffic demands.

Objective 3.2: Drainage

Address community drainage issues.

Objective 3.3: Aesthetically Attractive Roadways

Enhance and beautify community roadways.

Objective 3.4: Neighborhood Access Points

Investigate techniques to create additional access points to area neighborhoods.



Dempsey Drive was recently reconstructed.



Speed humps on Knoll Krest

Goal 4 - Traffic Control

Improve the safety of traffic operations.

Objective 4.1: Traffic Control

Develop a traffic control plan.

Goal 5 - Multi-modal Transportation System

Improve transportation options for mass transit, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Objective 5.1: Mass Transit

Develop a community transit system.



Bus stop on Five Palms

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Example of a bicycle lane

Objective 5.2: Sidewalk Network

Develop a sidewalk network.

Objective 5.3: Bicycle Facilities

Develop a bicycle facilities plan.

Community Facilities & Quality of Life

Goal 6– Parks and Recreational Facilities

Create additional parkland by completing park projects and identifying locations for additional recreational facilities.

Objective 6.1: Parkland Acquisition

Identify locations for additional parkland to meet needs of a growing area and to protect wildlife habitat.

Objective 6.2: Pearsall Park

Complete Pearsall Park in accordance with the Park's master plan.

Objective 6.3: Lackland Railroad Spur

Complete conversion of former railroad spur to a hike/bike and nature trail for entire 3.1 mile length.

Objective 6.4: Recreation Facilities

Create additional recreation facilities.



Medina Base Road Park is a new community park.

Goal 7 - Public Facilities and Community Programs

Establish new community programs and public facilities.

Objective 7.1: Post Office

Establish a new post office.

Objective 7.2: Community Programs

Establish community programs for people of all ages.

Goal 8 - Public Health and Wellness

Promote programs for a healthy community and environment.

Objective 8.1: Healthy Living

Increase community awareness of health issues.

Objective 8.2: Environment

Ensure the community has a safe and clean environment.

Objective 8.3: Animal Welfare

Improve animal welfare in the community.



A Project Worth Party

Goal 9 - Quality of Life

Improve the quality of life and safety of the United Southwest Communities.

Objective 9.1: Code Compliance

Increase code compliance efforts throughout the community.

Objective 9.2: Community Safety

Improve safety by decreasing crime through community awareness and visible patrol activities.



Meeting participants compare land use scenarios.

Taking Action

Goal 10 Plan Implementation

Unite the area's strong neighborhood associations to build coalitions to implement the plan, improve communication and increase community participation.

Objective 10.1: Organize and Publicize

Organize an implementation team to begin plan implementation, communication efforts and participation initiatives.